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Editorial.

Doubtless many of our readers will be surprised when they see "The Stocktonian" in its new garb, but we feel confident that they will be pleasantly surprised. For some time past we have thought such a change desirable, and the magazine in its new form is the result of much careful thought and consideration. We hope it will commend itself to all.

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Naturally we are at present finding the struggle to keep the balance on the credit side rather a hard one, so we are hoping that our readers will rally round and do their best for the magazine. Let us make our sale a record one this Term!

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It is with a pang of regret that we have to set aside for various reasons so many contributions which show so much care, patience, and preparation on the part of the writers. However they may rest assured that their efforts are appreciated and we take this opportunity of thanking all who have shown their loyalty in this way.

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It is very cheering to have so many bright letters from our Old Boys, so many of whom are now in the service of their country. We are always interested in their doings and we feel sure that the "Old Stocktonians'" pages will be eagerly read. The Old Girls' Association has once more begun its winter's work, and here again the activities of its members are chiefly concerned with the different forms of war work.

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Boys of the Red House will be pleased to know that their Form Master, Mr. Nicholson, is keeping fit and well. He completed his training in England about a month ago and is now in France. Mr. Baker is stationed at Winchester and writes very cheerily of his life and work. They appreciate very much the little remembrances which we have been able to send and the best wishes of us all go with them. Mr. Dumble has now been in France for a considerable time, and we believe that Mr. Noble is still on this side the Channel.

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We offer a hearty welcome to Miss Edge and Miss Orton who joined the ladies' staff in September. We trust they will make many friends and have a happy time with us.

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The season's greetings to all our readers!

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The following pupils were successful at the Oxford Local Examinations held in July.

Boys.

Senior.—First Class Honours: H. M. King. Second Class Honours: J. Connors, E. Goodchild. Third Class Honours: F. Lamplugh, H. Tompkinson. Pass Certificate: S. Callender, H. J. Ward.

"Is'nt it beautiful?" said Elsie, as they took hold of the frame. But she had scarcely got the words out when the painting slid to one side and revealed a passage.

"Oh, Jack! it might lead us home," said Elsie, pulling Jack into the passage. It was very dark in the passage, but soon they found it led to a field behind their cottage.

Their mother, who had been almost faint from fear at the absence of her children, was overjoyed when they came back, and they, too, declared that they had had a tip-top adventure.

DOROTHY THOMPSON, FORM I.

PHILATELY.

Probably no Stocktonian will need to be told that this word is pronounced *fi-lăt-e-li*. But what does it mean? Well! it comes from a Greek word *philos*, which means a lover, and two other Greek words *telos*-a tax and the prefix *a* which means not (as in *a-septic* not septic or poisonous). Then philately means "one who does not love to pay taxes?" I am afraid not, or every one of us would be ardent philatelists. No. Philately is the love or hobby of collecting stamps. When a letter has a postage stamp on it, it is free of any further tax, whereas before adhesive stamps were used the letter was paid for *on delivery*. The first postage stamps were issued in Great Britain in 1840, and within a few years people began to make collections until now there is a *professor of Philately* at Brooklyn Institute.

Following the excellent example of the King, many of our boys are ardent philatelists. But is the collection of these little scraps of printed paper of any real service? Undoubtedly it is *if pursued intelligently*. Let me say at once that the mere sticking into an album of heaps and heaps of stamps from any and every quarter of the globe for the sake simply of being able to boast of the size of your collection gives little interest and no advantage. The enormous number of stamps which have now been issued makes it impossible for anybody but an American millionaire to get together anything like a representative collection, and the difficulty increases every year. It remains then to specialise. It will not be necessary to throw away stamps outside of your special collection, but simply place them in your album or use them for purposes of exchange, and concentrate on your special line. The simplest way to specialise is to devote your attention to one particular country. Choose a country in which for some reason you take a real interest and be always on the look out for stamps of that country. Furthermore try to get to know as much as you can about that country, its stamps, its history, its geography, and the mode of life of its people.

But there are other means of specialising which will appeal to boys (yes! and girls too) of special tastes. I will mention three or four only. First, for those who are most interested in Nature Study, there is the collection of a philatelic zoo. Many stamps have been issued bearing pictures—and frequently good ones—of animals, birds and even fishes. Here are a few which I meet as I turn over the pages of my album.

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| Kangaroo | ... | ... | Australia. | Camel | ... | ... | Egypt. |
| Lion | ... | ... | Persia. | Leopard | ... | ... | French Congo. |
| Elephant | ... | ... | Sirmoor (India). | Beaver | ... | ... | Canada. |
| Stag | | } | North Borneo. | Llama | ... | ... | Peru. |
| Argus Pheasant | | | | Black Swan | ... | ... | ... |
| Emu | ... | ... | New South Wales. | Cod | ... | ... | Newfoundland. |
| | | | Bull | ... | ... | ... | Uruguay. |

Now surely our collector will want to get out his atlas and find where North Borneo is, and will ask himself why a stamp of Newfoundland should bear a cod, and why one of Uruguay should show a bull, and he is then well on the way to make his collection a pleasure and a really useful study.

Those who are particularly keen on geography will best suit their tastes by collecting stamps bearing maps, and scenes in various parts of the world. Here are a few specimens.

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| Malta | ... | View of Valetta Harbour. |
| Germany | ... | General Post Office, Berlin. |
| Egypt | ... | Sphinx, Sphinx and Pyramids. |
| U.S.A. | ... | Panama Canal, Bridge at Niagara, etc. |
| Australia | ... | Outline Map. |
| Sudan | ... | River Steamer on the Nile. |
| Colombia | ... | Map of Central America. |
| Canada | ... | Map of the British Empire. |
| San Domingo... | ... | Map of the Island. |
| Jamaica | ... | Picture of Llandoverly Falls. |
| New Zealand | ... | View of Lake Wakatipu. |

But I am afraid I must get on, for one could write a small book on the value of *intelligent* stamp collecting in teaching geography.

Nor need historians feel neglected. More and more of late years has it been the custom to celebrate centenaries, or other historical anniversaries by the issue of pictorial postage stamps. Most collectors will remember the excellent series issued by the United States to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the Discovery of America. Again in 1898 they issued the "Omaha" series, which bear pictures of chief events in their history. A few others are:—

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| Chile | ... | Battle of Malpo (1810) |
| Portugal | ... | Series of 1898 (Four hundredth anniversary of Vasco da Gama's Voyage to India). |
| Greece | ... | Olympic Games Issue. |

This collection would also include such stamps as, Portuguese overprinted "Republica," Transvaal overprinted V.R.I. or E.R.I., Spanish and American special war stamps, etc.

Then there is the Portrait Gallery, which would include the extensive American series of Presidents and Generals, the South American Republican series of Liberationist Heroes, the Newfoundland portraits of the British Royal family, and many others.

There is much more to be said about each of these "special lines" and many other things to say about stamp collecting, but the Editor is already reminding me that I am using up too much of his valuable space, so I will conclude with a few words of advice.

1. Get a good stamp catalogue. Many of the large firms issue excellent illustrated catalogues at 6d or 1/-. This will tell you what to look out for in your special collection.
2. Have nothing to do with torn stamps, or those badly defaced by the post-mark. These have no value and little interest.
3. Always buy *very sparingly*. A hobby which becomes too expensive is a burden rather than a pleasure. Have nothing to do directly with approval sheets; avoid "bargains" and "gifts" and packets of 350,000 for 3d. Above all never gum stamps into an album, but put them in with gummed mounts, which can be got very cheaply and the stamp can be removed if necessary without damage. Ask your friends to give you their foreign stamps (if they do not collect). Steam them carefully off the envelopes. Exchange those you are not specially interested in. Buy occasionally from shops which display approval sheets. Your hobby will then be cheap, interesting and instructive, an infallible stand-by for dark evenings and wet days.

Examination Results, (Girls). Midsummer, 1916.

| | English | History | French | Maths | Botany | Chemistry or Physics | Geography | Art | Needlework or Cookery |
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| Form VIa | L. Ainsworth A. Gibson | L. Ainsworth A. Gibson | L. Ainsworth M. Young | C. Grice M. Young | C. Grice E. Hickers | | L. Ainsworth L. Lennard A. Gibson] | L. Lennard M. Young | |
| Form VIb | R. Shipley B. Willey | B. Willey R. Shipley] G. Geary | A. Sandell I. Margetts | Div. 1. G. Brown E. Watson Div. 2. A. Wardell P. Evans | G. Geary R. Shipley A. Wardell] | | R. Shipley G. Geary | R. Henderson A. Sandell | |
| Form Va | B. Wardell A. Walker | G. Thomas A. Wardell | G. Thomas M. Gaunt | A. Walker M. Gaunt | G. Thomas B. Wardell | | G. Thomas E. Frankland | O. Idle G. Thomas | |
| Form Vb | A. Scruton G. Blackwood | N. Corner A. Scruton | A. Scott N. James | J. Nixon N. Corner | J. Nixon A. Scruton | O. Heald J. Nixon | N. Corner D. Burdon | A. Scruton J. Nixon C. Rogers] | |
| Form IVa | A. Clarke W. Hughes | A. Clarke W. Daniels | P. Wedgwood D. Pickles | W. Hughes R. Henderson | | R. Henderson M. Harker | M. Harker A. Clarke | W. Hughes M. Cheseldine | P. Wedgwood R. Henderson L. Rowley C. Newron W. Hughes M. Willey] |
| Form IVb | E. Gibson D. Herd | E. Gibson G. Pigg] D. Green | D. Bainbridge G. Roberts | D. Garbutt D. Green] D. Eden | | E. Wanless D. Herd | D. Herd G. Pigg | F. Finch D. Green | F. Graham G. Roberts |
| Form IIIa | D. Gaunt F. Lewis | C. Davidson F. Buckle | Div. 1. D. Gaunt C. Davidson Div. 2. N. Ward F. Lewis] D. Hale | C. Davidson M. Ritchie | | F. Lewis N. Ward | D. Gaunt C. Davidson | C. Davidson G. Gargett | G. Gargett N. Ward |
| Form IIIb | E. Scaife M. Roxby | E. Scaife M. Roberts | M. Roxby E. Agerskow | W. Mills M. Roberts | | E. Hewison H. Eden | E. Agerskow C. Garbutt | M. Campbell M. Storer | |

Latin—Form VIb—F. Jones. Form IVa—M. Nicholson, A. Clarke.

German—Form VIb—M. Ordish. Form Va—(M. Gaunt, H. Hoggett), G. Thomas. Form IVa—M. Bolands, M. Lynas.

Scripture—Form VIb—R. Henderson, G. Geary. Form IVa—A. Clarke, M. Harker. Form IVb—D. Eden, D. Herd. Form IIIb—W. Mills, M. Campbell.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the rather stringent lighting restrictions the Annual Meeting had to be postponed until the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 4th. The following officials were elected for the ensuing season:—

President : Miss R. Reeves. *Vice-Presidents* : Miss Miller, Miss A. Young.
Hon. Secretaries : Mrs. Roberts, 20, Austin Avenue, Miss W. Stewart.
Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. E. D. Hetherington, 40, Grange Avenue.
Committee : Miss Toomer, Miss Bruce, Miss Crierie, Miss Nelson, Miss Whitehead,
 Miss F. Gill, Miss M. Gill, Miss Margetts, Miss Sharp, Miss R. Henderson.
Magazine Secretary : Miss Margetts, Victoria Avenue.

During the afternoon tea was served very daintily by Miss Bruce and her staff of assistants, and the musical items provided by Miss Raine and Miss J. Bishop were much appreciated.

It was encouraging to see several new faces amongst us and it is to be hoped that each member will do her best to make the Association both attractive and useful. A hearty invitation to join the Association is extended to all girls who may be leaving school in the near future.

Two new branches of the Association's work were established—the Musical Society for which Mrs. Hetherington and Miss Raine have worked so hard, and the Dramatic Society. It is to be hoped that these Societies will flourish although naturally at the present time it may be necessary to curtail the programmes of work.

It was resolved to send, in the name of the Association, some little remembrances to our Old Boys who are fighting our battles.

Since last meeting we have had to say good-bye to several of our best workers. Miss Heavisides, our late Secretary, has left us to take up work in London, and we hope she may soon reach the summit of her ambition. Miss A. Rogers devotes herself to hospital work and was on the ill-fated *Britannic* when she went down. We are all delighted to hear that Miss Rogers is safe, and sound notwithstanding her trying experience. Miss Mary Rogers is to be married shortly and she has our best wishes for long life and happiness.

Our deepest sympathies go out to all Old Girls who have suffered loss of those near and dear to them. It may comfort them to think that those lives, given as they have been for the sake of others, are for ever consecrated.

Miss Miller, the Vice-President writes:—

“Once again the world has been shocked by the ‘‘Horrors of War.’’ I refer to the sinking of H.M. Hospital ship ‘‘*Britannic*’’ which occurred on November 21st.

Amongst those on board at the time was a member of our Association, Miss Rogers, who had previously taken up nursing duties at the Bagthorpe Military Hospital, Nottingham. Here she has done excellent work, and in August was promoted to the Nursing Staff of this magnificent vessel, which on the 17th of September sailed to the Mediterranean to bring back to this country a large convoy of our wounded heroes. Twice since Miss Rogers joined the staff, the vessel went out and returned safely, but not so the third time. On the outward voyage she was sunk when nearing port.

Miss Rogers, we all rejoice to hear, is safe and well. I feel sure every member of the Association will join with me in wishing her a safe return, and we trust she will be given health and strength to continue the noble work which she has taken up, and has up to the present carried out so successfully.

RED CROSS WORK.

Many members of the O.G.A. are still busy with and interested in various branches of Red Cross work, studying to gain certificates and assisting in nursing. We hear that Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Hetherington, Miss M. Whitehead, and Miss E. Hackworth gave up a portion of their summer holiday to assist in the Local Red Cross Hospital, whilst some of those holding certificates of the St. John Ambulance Association are on duty when required at the various Air Raid Casualty Stations which have been established in the two Boroughs of Stockton and Thornaby.

The Vice-President, Miss Miller, who is a member of the St. John Ambulance Association, and the Commandant of the Yorks 54 V.A.D., Thornaby, is a keen worker, giving up the greater part of her spare time to instruct and assist others in this work.

She spent part of her summer holiday in a large surgical ward in one of the many Red Cross Auxiliary hospitals in Cheltenham, and since her return, a letter has been received from the hospital stating how much her work was appreciated and what a great help she had been. The Sisters regretted she could not stay longer as more important surgical work could have been undertaken by her, but all hope that at some future date Miss Miller will be able to render further assistance.

 OLD GIRLS' SUCCESSES.

We are pleased to congratulate the following "Old Girls" on their successes in the Certificate Examination:—

Amy E. Callender who has passed with credit in Hygiene and Music in the Ordinary Course.

Mabel Gill who has passed with credit in Teaching, Hygiene, English and History in the Ordinary Course, and in Geography in the Advanced Course.

Irene D. Plummer who has passed with credit in Hygiene and Music in the Ordinary Course.

Winifred Stewart who has passed with credit in Teaching in the Ordinary Course.

Florence Turner who has passed with credit in Hygiene, Music, English, Geography and Nature Study in the Ordinary Course, and in Teaching in the Advanced Course.

 AN OLD GIRL'S EXPERIENCE ON A TOMATO NURSERY.

In the valley of the River Chess, Hertfordshire, is situated three-quarters of the total amount of land under glass in the whole of England. As one passes in the train, the glass is quite dazzling if the sun is shining. Tomatoes, grapes and roses are chiefly grown and most of the work is done by women, with the help of a very few old men and boys.

When first we arrived at the nurseries, my friend and I were a quarter of an hour late, as we had been to two wrong nurseries, before we hit on the right one. Much to our horror, the manager was waiting for us, watch in hand and looking as black as thunder. After we had explained the matter to him, he smiled as sweetly as possible, but unfortunately this wasn't saying much. He proved, however, on further acquaintance to be a very shy man.

When first we came here, for want of a better place, we stayed at an old pub., which smelt of beer and cows. Unfortunately none of the houses had baths, so we were forced to wash ourselves with watering cans!

At this pub. lived an old man, who was a "simple kind of idiot." He would hide behind doors and jump out when any of us passed and grin for all he was worth. He hardly ever used to speak, and when he did, we couldn't make out a word: it sounded more like Dutch than anything else. When any of us played on the old "tinny" piano, he would stand listening, with his face glued to the window. "Dotty William" as we called him, for his name was William, had two long teeth in front, which dangled as he walked—almost!

Another girl and I are now camping out; this is ever so much pleasanter, although we have not had fine weather since we began, but we are only there for the night, so it does not matter much. In fact, we would rather have dull weather, as we get absolutely roasted alive when the days are anything like hot. But cheer up, they will be ten times hotter than they have been yet!

Before I came here, I thought the work was going to be beautifully easy—but I soon found out that I was much mistaken. It is a terribly "back-aching job, for nearly all of it is "bending" work, at present at any rate, as the fruit at the bottom always ripens first, and the lower leaves have constantly to be cut off, to let the air have a free passage through. The tomatoes are picked before they are thoroughly ripe, for they have to be packed, then sent off to Covent Gardens, where they are sold by auction. When once they have begun to ripen, they ripen very quickly, especially in the dark. They are put into baskets, holding a "strike" or twelve pounds, and in one day, four of us gathered 187 strikes. We pick every other day, and when not picking, we are busy, trimming up generally.

We really have very easy hours—from 8-30—1 o'clock in the morning and from 2—5-30 in the evening, but it seems quite long enough for us and we eagerly await the bell at the end of the day. Different bells ring from far and near within a few minutes of each other, and ours is always the last to go!

We wear short tunics, which are ever so much easier and cooler to work in than dresses. They get dreadfully stained as do also our hands and even our hair! My hair is quite a pretty green by now! Some of the girls, however, are wise and wear mob caps.

We do our shopping every Saturday afternoon, after we have received our pay—18/- per week. Pay day to-morrow, for which praise be!

INTERVIEW WITH —?

Last week our correspondent received an order from Mr. Editor. He was told to obtain an interview with Mr. X, the school celebrity. "But beware of his left-hander!" said our Editor, as off he sped. With a "do or die" look in his face, our correspondent went in search of the "great" man.

He found him at the school gate, vainly endeavouring to extract a mint ball from a VI Form boy. To the curious, his method may be interesting. After several remarks about the weather, he asks his victim, "Any bribery to-day?" ("Bribery" means "sweets," "apples," or "nuts." It was copied by Mr. X from a "late" prefect). If this should prove futile, he strokes his moustache, and then asks what colour "they" (the bribery) are. Then a transfer takes place, and he retires in delight.

Over a glass of herb beer, our correspondent learned that he had been at the School ever since it was there. "To what do you attribute your er-stoutness?" asked he. Then came a pyro-technical display! He had strayed within reach of that left-hand, and received a beautiful uppercut! With sundry outbursts of figurative language, he was requested not to be impertinent. After a few more glasses of—water, the celebrity told him in confidence that he could trace back his ancestry to Charles Dickens' Fat Boy. Meanwhile the "dashes" of "O.T" which

had been added to his drink had made him talkative. When he was eight years old it required six boys of ten summers to balance him on a see-saw. His opinion of "bobbies," *i.e.* prefects, and girls is not—well—a very good one, to say the least of it.

At this moment our correspondent playfully asked whether he had ever been offered the position of steam-hammer. Wiping the remains of a milk and soda from his moustache, our fat friend arose and, with grim resolve, rolled up his sleeves. Then he proceeded to give to our correspondent a boxing demonstration!!

When our correspondent recovered, he telephoned to the infirmary, where he now is—delirious.

Meanwhile Mr X had met his friend, who is of nearly the same volume, and, arm in arm, they walked down Nelson Terrace debating upon the rise in price of peppermints. H.M.K.

LIFE IN A CADET BATTALION.

The fact of my being naturally "shy and unpractised in the strife of phrase" renders somewhat difficult the writing of a short account of life in a Cadet Battalion.

What is a Cadet Battalion and why were they instituted, you may ask?

The Army Council considered that the quantity and also—dare I say it—the quality and efficiency of some of those commissioned since the outbreak of war was hardly satisfactory, and therefore Cadet Battalions were formed in various centres. Now, a man cannot obtain a commission until he has served in the ranks, and is recommended by his Colonel and Brigadier as suitable in every way for an officer. If a man fails to attain the required standard in four months he returns to his unit, but the men who pass are immediately gazetted.

No. 2 Officer Cadet Battalion to which I was attached was stationed at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

All chevrons are taken down and all rank as Cadets. Absolute equality—what a paradise for a Socialist!! The uniform worn by Cadets is similar to that worn by Officers, minus the stars or crowns, with the addition of a white cap band which causes much speculation. One all-knowing person said it denoted a Chaplain—whether a Charlie of that ilk I am not in a position to say!!

The subjects for examination are as follows:—drill of all kinds, bayonet training, musketry, tactics and field warfare, topography, trench warfare, interior economy, military law, organization, and physical training.

An average day's work is as follows:—bathing 7 a.m. Morning parade for drill, etc., 9 to 12-15; lecture 2 to 3-30; with the remainder of the day for private study, which is generally done on the river, tennis courts or playing fields!

On Wednesdays we have field days. After witnessing our manœuvres on one occasion an officer caustically remarked, "Thank God we've got a Navy!" "Carry-On" was the College favourite and I pass it on.

"When the ammunition's low, carry on.
When a volunteer must go, carry on.
When you feel that you must rest
Or you'll have to journey west,
Stop your grousing, do your best, carry on."

This "carry on" spirit will lead the nation from victory to victory and a crowning triumph to our righteous cause, and

"Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace."

Examination Results (Boys), Midsummer, 1916.

| | English | History | French | Maths | Physics | Chemistry | Geography | Mech. Draw. | Manual | Needlework |
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| Form VI ... | King Connors | Connors Ward | King Goodchild | King Callender | Goodchild Callender Lamplugh] | Connors King | Connors Tompkinson | | | |
| Form Va ... | W. B. Noddings Lewis | Lewis W. B. Noddings Plummer] | W. B. Noddings T. B. Noddings | W. B. Noddings T. B. Noddings | W. B. Noddings T. B. Noddings | W. B. Noddings T. B. Noddings | Lewis T. B. Noddings | | | |
| Form Vb 1st yr. | Arrowsmith Hewgill | | Reed Ruddock | Arrowsmith Dudley | Arrowsmith Dudley | Arrowsmith Dudley | | Arrowsmith Ruddock | Arrowsmith Ruddock | |
| Form Vb 2nd yr. | Allibone Cunliffe | | Harland Elcoat | Elcoat Allibone | Elcoat Allibone | Allibone Elcoat | | Elcoat Allibone | Elcoat Harland Cunliffe] | |
| Form IVa ... | Dedman Sanderson Sturman] | Sturman Prest | Sturman Holmes | Sturman Rutherford | Sturman Rutherford | Rutherford Maddock | Sturman Rutherford | Art Davison Sanderson | Sanderson Prest | |
| Form IVb ... | Bulmer Cardno | Bulmer Cardno | Webster Bulmer | Shaw Ball Bulmer] | Dive Bulmer | Ball Wedgwood Shaw] | Geary Williams | Dive Blakey | Barratt Sheldrake | |
| Form IIIa ... | Livingston Walton | Livingston Wood | Bishop Plummer | Bishop Martin | Bishop Attack | | Martin Wood | Attack Martin Brown] | Wilson Attack | |
| Form IIIb ... | Hebron Collin | Harris Dodsworth | Holdsworth Hebron | H. Allan Holdsworth | Taylor Acomb | | Liddle H. Bell] | Acomb Handley | Handley Acomb | |
| Form II ... | Screech L. Harding | Livingston Walton Curry] | Screech B. Graham | Medlock Livingston | | | J. Salmon | Dive | Screech | J. Salmon |
| Form I ... | D. Rae H. Rowell Barker] | Barker W. Lund B. Nightingale Thomas] | | Barker N. Stephenson | | | Mackie | E. Hewgill | Everett | D. Dodsworth |
| | | | | | | | Barker Clarke | D. Stephenson Todd | Thomas Barker | N. Stephenson D. Rae D. Stephenson] |

German—W. B. Noddings, Plummer.

Latin—King.

Nature Study—Form II—[J. Salmon, D. Dodsworth]. Form I—B. Nightingale, Lang.

Scripture—Form II—Walton, Llewellyn.

Form I—N. Stephenson, Thomas.

OLD STOCKTONIANS.

The General Meeting of the Association was held in the School on Oct. 20th, the Headmaster presiding. A good attendance of members was present, and the business was transacted at an unusually rapid rate. The finances were shown to be in a very satisfactory condition, and the work of the past session as reviewed by Mr. W. Lax (in the absence of his brother) gave great promise for operations in more peaceful times.

Mr. Swinburne, in honour of good work done since the institution of the Old Stocktonians, was added to the list of Vice-Presidents, as also was Mr. P. V. Pringle who takes office as the representative for those members whose business carries them outside the town. Mr. Pringle occupies a responsible position on the Irish railways and is a worthy successor to Mr. W. Brewis and Mr. A. Pickworth. Messrs. S. Elders and H. Kewley became members of the Committee. The other officials remain as before. Messrs. W. Lax and J. Eddy having since joined the army, Messrs. F. Johnson and K. Gilbraith have been elected to fill the vacancies. The two first named have done splendid work on the Committee and have set a standard which their successors will have some difficulty in living up to.

A well attended Social took place on Nov. 3rd. Games of various kinds were the attraction, while the musical attainments of Messrs. H. King and L. Leckinby added to the enjoyment of the evening. A Ping-Pong tournament beautifully engineered by Messrs. Williams and Johnson provided splendid sport, the final being fought out by our old friends George Claxton Smith and Arthur Iley. The former's laconic acknowledgment of the honours showered on him—"I thank you, gentlemen, for your vociferous applause"—deserves more than passing mention. During an interval the hat was passed round and quite a substantial sum was realised to buy comforts for Reginald Williams, who is a prisoner of war.

During the term we have had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance with Captains Harry Heavisides and W. Hansell (sick leave), J. Corner, W. Teasdale, R. Elliott, and L. Winn (all recovered from wounds), N. Winn, E. Scholes, T. Weatherell, R. Greenlees, H. Bowery, and N. Wardell (home on leave), and Walter Wood (on a short holiday from Birmingham Small Arms Factory).

Most interesting letters or post cards have been received from Messrs. W. Baker, C. Cohen, P. Cohen, R. Clews, Sam Deakin, Walter Wilkinson, T. Weatherell, E. Scholes, J. Eddy, R. Shipley, H. Ludbrook, J. Corner, J. Cheseldine, H. Williams, A. MacLennan, and F. Caldcleugh.

The usual Roll of Honour has this time been left out, in order not to clash with a more detailed list which is appearing in the Old Boys' Year Book.

The programme for this session includes lectures by Professor Louis (of Armstrong College), Dr. Stead (probably), Rev. R. F. Drury, and Mr. C. W. King (Dec. 13th), while splendid help has been promised for a concert just before the end of the Easter Term. It is also possible that another "public" evening will be arranged.

For this number of the magazine, we have been favoured with articles by Pioneer T. P. Weatherell ("Rabbit Tales") and by 2nd Lieut. G. F. Rogers who deals with Cadet Life. To both these gentlemen we desire to offer our best thanks.

All Old Stocktonians will be interested in a letter from Jack Cheseldine to his dad:—

"I was recommended by the C.O. of one of our battalions for a little job I did on the nights Sept. 9th and 10th. Our brigadier was very pleased about it, shook hands, and gave me a little speech. Yesterday a message came to say that I'd been awarded the Military Medal. It is the first one obtained by the 16th Signallers and has led to congratulations from the Company Major and the Corps Commanders."

The following extract relating to the D.C.M. is also more than pleasing:—

182 Sergt. W. Teasdale, D.L.I.:—"For conspicuous gallantry in action. Though blown back into the trench by the bursting of a shell, he got out again, rallied all the men he could find, under heavy shell fire, and led them forward with great determination. He has since been severely wounded" [Happily the gallant Sergt. is now almost recovered.]

Mr. J. G. Taylor has taken a good deal of delight in the brave deeds of his old lab. boy, Captain W. B. Hansell (military etiquette prevents us calling him 'Gus'). He now finds additional delight in the achievements of another former lab. boy, Corporal John Stephenson who by the votes of his companions has been awarded the Military Medal for rescuing wounded companions under a very tornado of shell and machine gun fire.

Arnold Kidd (now a Corporal) after being in the first place bandaged up by a captured German doctor has recovered from nasty wounds in the foot, leg, and back (all received at the same time) and writes very optimistically.

"We know one thing for certain and that is that our artillery can beat him (the "him," of course is the "Hun") to blazes, and the boys who mount the parapet each night will soon make short work of all the men he has got left. Practically all the Germans who remain are snipers, machine gunners, and artillery, and in the actual front line he has got practically nobody but a sentry posted here and there. His machine guns and snipers are trying to make us believe he has a lot of men by keeping up a pretty regular fire."

Robert Shipley (he lately met Johnny Macgregor in France), writes:—

"I have very shortly been on the sick list with a bad cold, and have just come out of Hospital. It was "très bon" and what with chicken, etc., for dinner, I lived like a lord. Am pleased to say that I am now all right again and expect to go up the line shortly. Although somehow not a very regular attender at their functions—owing to business and other pressing matters—I hope that the Old Stocktonians are still "Carrying On" and flourishing, I shall have to reform in a lot of things after this little business is finished."

SOME APPRECIATIONS OF FALLEN OLD BOYS.

We first made the acquaintance of Harold Pearson 14 years ago, he then being a laughing wee kiddie in Standard V of the old Higher Grade School. In those far-off days, it was customary to hold an exhibition of school work every year, a feature of which was a display of drill in the gym. On one of these occasions, Harold and Walter Corner (now in India) were among those selected to perform a lunging exercise. When the drill commenced, an unusually stout visitor got in the line of fire, so to speak, and received the former's fist somewhere in the region of the watch chain. Happy memory! At the beginning of the war, Harold was employed as a draughtsman at Messrs. Robert Roger & Co. He enlisted in the R.E., saw

much service in France, as a corporal, and was well in the running for a commission when he was killed by a shell. He was a thorough-going Old Stocktonian, was a prominent member of the Engineering Section, and was esteemed and admired by all who knew his cheery and kindly disposition.

Leslie Hind was engaged in Sir Frank Brown's office. He joined the Public Schools Battalion when barely 18 years of age, went to the front in July last, and died from wounds on November 6th. He was quiet and retiring in character, extremely gentlemanly in demeanour, and the news of his untimely death came as a shock to the whole school. To none more so than to the writer, who for several years has regarded him with great affection, and who mourns him with a great and abiding grief.

To the later generation of Old Stocktonians the name of Walter Winn was comparatively unfamiliar. A brother of the better known Norman, and a partner in the firm "Atkinson & Winn, painters and decorators," he became attached to the Loyal Lancashire Regiment, and was killed in France on September 26th. The circumstances are all the sadder inasmuch as he leaves a young wife to whom he was but recently married. The sympathy of all Old Boys goes out to her and to the bereaved mother, who, widowed many years ago, now finds her family broken up and widely scattered.

Mr. Edward Robson (a prominent official at Richardson & Duck's) had two boys, both of whom came to our school. One of them, Basil, is now serving in the R.F.A. in far away Salonica. The other, Fred, became a member of the O.T.C. while taking an engineering course at Armstrong College. Keenly desirous of "doing his bit," he at first found great difficulty in entering the army owing to defective eye-sight. His endeavours were finally successful, he obtained a commission in the Durhams, and now lies in a soldier's grave in France. Frank and manly, dry of humour and fond of fun, he was a brave and chivalrous young Englishman. We knew him well and take this opportunity of paying a sorrowing tribute to his memory.

When Walter Green left school he carried with him an unsullied reputation—a reputation earned not only by success in examinations but by sheer beauty and purity of character. He was a Blue House boy, and it is no reflection on the many fine boys who have worn the blue-braided cap, to say that he was "the noblest of them all." Proceeding to one of the London colleges (he was taking up the profession of a teacher), he earned golden opinions from both his colleagues and from his tutors. The war has cut short what promised to be a brilliant career, and has deprived the world of one who by the force of example would have been productive of much good. His mother and sister have lost a dear son and a loving brother. We ask them in their great sorrow to receive the sincere sympathy of everybody connected with the school.

It is with very keen regret that past and present scholars have read of the death in action of Lieut. R. J. ("Pro") Harris, 6th D.L.I. His record both at school and at Hatfield College, Durham, is one of remarkable achievement and quite exceptional promise. He gained 1st Class Honours Junior Oxford (in this examination he topped the lists for all England) and 1st Class Honours Senior Oxford—four distinctions. He was awarded the County Council Scholarship of £60 per annum, and was also successful in gaining a Mathematical Exhibition to Durham University value £70 per annum, whilst at Hatfield College he succeeded in winning an Open Scholarship to Trinity College, and there seems little doubt that had he lived, the career at Cambridge, on which he had set his heart, would have been a brilliant one. He was killed on his 21st birthday.

RABBIT TALES.

It was midnight or thereabouts, when Pat, Jack and I set out upon our dangerous expedition. Except for the flashing of the guns it was pitch-dark.

Choosing a favourite lull, we crawled over the top of the trench and made a dash for a clump of bushes about 50 yards away, which we reached without mishap. Once there, we stowed ourselves comfortably away to hold a council of war.

"Let's spin for who does the deed," I suggested. "Right O!" they agreed. Up went the coin, and with my usual luck—I lost.

Without further ado I started to worm my way forward through the garden, over cabbage stumps and vegetables in various stages of decay. Ten yards of that and then the barbed wire. After saying things under my breath and tenderly fingering various portions of my anatomy, I reached the other side. There within reach was my objective, dark and forbidding.

Setting my teeth, I was about to try the door when a dog in an adjacent house let out a mournful howl. Well, in spite of the uniform I wore, my hair stood on end with a click. I waited in fear and trembling for a few minutes and then once more plucked up courage.

At last it was open. Diving in my hand, I groped about for several minutes before encountering anything. Then something moved and I grabbed at it—"Gotcher!" It was a beauty.

Now I do hope I haven't been misleading you. This is no tale of desperate deeds in the front line of trenches, but just a mere foraging expedition a mile or two behind.

My capture was a fine fat rabbit, not a Hun. Still, there could be no question of mistaken identity, as I would hardly call a Hun a beauty, at least not the specimens it has been my misfortune to meet. However to continue.

Not content with one, I tucked him into my gas helmet pocket, emptied for the occasion, and grabbed another, equally robust. Just as I shut the hutch door, a light appeared in the bedroom window of the house (regardless of aeroplanes) and a shrill feminine voice yelled, "Brigand"—"Voleur." That settled it. I took to ignominious flight—I broke the world's sprinting record, nearly my neck, and tore my trousers. Through, and still alive. "Buzz off," I hissed, as I dashed past the bushes, and they buzzed—toute suite.

It was about 3-30 a.m. when I reached the billet and Jack and Pat arrived shortly afterwards. Total spoil—2 rabbits, 3 tears in trousers, 2 in coat, several square inches of flesh missing, and about a kilo of mud belonging to "La Belle France."

Next morning, on viewing the spoil, several of the squeamish ones refused to participate, but were politely informed that they had never been asked.

The rabbits were killed, skinned and cleaned, and then nobody knew quite how to cook them, so with the audacity of the usual British Tommy, we took them over to their former owner and asked her to cook them.

This she did and to such good effect that the squeamish ones forgot their qualms and did justice to them. The only pangs of conscience were the pains of indigestion. 'Tis thus we vary our diet.

I could tell many other such tales of toothsome morsels snatched from our allies, this being the substantial side of the Entente Cordiale, but space and the Censor forbid.

A HOLIDAY IN THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS.

A detailed account of such a holiday could not possibly be given in the space for the Old Girls' set apart by the Editor—nay, I doubt whether the whole magazine would suffice, were I to relate *all* the wonderful and interesting things which went to make up this never-to-be-forgotten holiday.

We set sail about the middle of July, 1913, and here let me say the voyage was not by any means the least delightful part, and we shall not readily forget those days when we were passing through the blue waters of the Mediterranean. We were altogether twelve days at sea although several visits on shore at various ports provided variety, and need I say, not a little amusement. We learned many things and saw for ourselves many objects of interest of which we had read in our school days.

Never shall we forget our visits to Gibraltar, Toulon, Taranto, and Naples! As we had a whole day at the last named place owing to coaling we made the most of our time, and as we walked along the paved streets or explored the ruined temples of the ancient city of Pompeii we were wrapt in awe and admiration. It was with very mixed feelings that we finally sailed out of the world-renowned Bay of Naples.

Port Said was our landing place and Cairo our headquarters, and in spite of the heat, the flies and the mosquitoes, we "did" all that was possible in the time at our disposal. How can we describe the wonderfully attired crowds of Arabs who thronged the native quarters and bazaars, or the peculiar odours of the East arising therefrom! At sunset the Nile Bridges were crowded with Orientals trying to catch the faintest breeze which might be borne up the river. How they applied themselves to their daily devotions! The doors of the Mosques were piled up with red and yellow slippers which had been removed by the worshippers before entering the shrine. Before we were allowed inside we had to have canvas bags tied over our shoes. Such is the custom in the Land of the Pharaohs!

Then again the mud villages of the Nile—who could describe them? The native boats, the palm trees, the sunsets, the numberless camels, and donkeys—all these go to make up—Egypt. We visited the Citadel, the principal Mosques and Coptic Churches, the Museum with the mummies and unearthed treasures. We searched diligently over an old burial ground situated at the edge of the desert and were rewarded by finding a good many well-preserved porcelain beads. These are most zealously guarded and treasured by us, I can assure you. As our time was drawing to a close we felt that we must visit those great wonders of the world—the Sphinx and the Pyramids of Ghizeh ere we left.

Imagine our feelings as we caught our first glimpse of these under the mellowing influence of full moonlight! We seemed to be in an enchanted land, and as we sat on the sand and watched a native making mystical signs while he told us our fortunes, we were transported to the scenes of the Arabian Nights.

These and many other things all made us feel that charm of the East about which we so often read.

M. E. WHITEHEAD, O.G.A.

SOCIETIES.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY (GIRLS).

During this session, as in the last, the frequency of meetings has been reduced owing to the number of evenings occupied by War work in connection with the various Houses. At the first Business meeting the following girls were elected by the members:—Clara Barker as Secretary; L. Ainsworth, M. Ordish and J. Nixon to represent Form VI; and B. Dodds, D. Pickles and G. Dudley to represent Form V.

The first Debate dealt with the subject, "That the civilised Man is Happier than the Savage." Miss Thomson took the chair, and after the minutes were read, M. Ordish led in favour of the motion, supported by G. Cardno; while Clara Barker opposed it, seconded by E. Frankland. The attendance of

girls was good, and Miss Jones and Miss Orton represented the Staff. Speaking was timid at first, particularly among the novices, but latterly became quite confident and general. The motion was supported by Miss Jones, D. Green and L. Rowley, and opposed by P. Fawcitt, J. Nixon, M. Cheseldine, O. Idle, A. Clark, B. Dodds and D. Pickles. Finally the voting gave the result—
9 for the Motion, 17 against the Motion

It is hoped that the "House" will be still larger and more loquacious at the next debate, to be held probably at the beginning of December.

DEBATING SOCIETY (BOYS).

At last the revival of the Debating Society has come! Early in the term several meetings were held, with the result that on Wednesday, November 1st, we were able to hold our first debate, the subject being, "Is a League to enforce Peace practicable?" The speakers for the affirmative were Stacy and Plummer, while Lewis and King led the opposition. A somewhat forced debate ensued, and then the question was put to the meeting. The negative side won by a majority of 10 votes. A fortnight later we held our second debate, the subject on this occasion being, "Whose work is of the greater benefit to the community—the doctor's or the teacher's?" The speakers were:—Rutherford and W. Noddings for the doctor, and Sanderson and Goodechild for the teacher. The general debate was rather better than the previous one, and the voting showed a majority of 15 for the teacher.

On Wednesday, November 29th, one of our most successful debates was held. The subject—"Which is preferable, the barbarous or the civilised state?"—gave much scope for discussion, and perhaps the most gratifying feature was the readiness of so many boys to 'take the floor.' Walker and Harris upheld the cause of civilisation, while Smith and Holdsworth advanced the delights of the barbarian. By a majority of five votes the meeting decided that the civilised state was the better.

It is intended to have another debate before the School closes for the Christmas vacation.

SCHOOL NEWS.

HOUSE REPORT (BOYS).

Some necessary changes have taken place in the constitution of the Houses this term. Mr. Baldwin has taken charge of the Red House and Mr. Craig is responsible for the Brown House, so both these are likely to continue as strong in good works as formerly. Nevertheless, they are by no means forgetful of those absent. They wish Mr. Baker and Mr. Nicholson as happy a Christmas as it is possible for them to have, and a safe and speedy return.

A full report of the swimming sports appears in another place. The most significant feature in connection with them was that at last the Red House have had to yield up their monopoly of success, the Brown House gaining a well-earned victory. We all join in congratulating Simpson on his carrying off the school championship. Those who best know the facts feel that rarely was victory better deserved, if keenness, patience, and usefulness at the baths count for anything.

The House football matches have proceeded as usual. All the matches have been well contested. Why do not more boys likely to play for their Houses buy a House jersey of their own? Christmas is coming *verb. sap.* Why do not more boys turn up to cheer their House team??

Results:—

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| RED HOUSE | 4 | BROWN HOUSE | 2 | | | | |
| BROWN HOUSE | 5 | GREEN HOUSE | 4 | | | | |
| GREEN HOUSE | 5 | BLUE HOUSE | 3 | | | | |
| RED HOUSE | 1 | BLUE HOUSE | 0 | | | | |
| | | GOALS. | | | | | |
| | P. | W. | L. | D. | F. | A. | Pts. |
| RED HOUSE | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| GREEN HOUSE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 2 |
| BROWN HOUSE | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| BLUE HOUSE | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 |

HOUSE REPORTS (GIRLS).—BLUE HOUSE.

We were pleased to welcome Miss Brew as our new House Mistress in place of Miss Pirie, who left us to go home. We also extend a very hearty welcome to the new girls who joined our House this term.

At the beginning of term a meeting was held to elect a new Committee.

Captain, M. Hotson; Secretary, M. Ordish; Member for VI, L. Ainsworth; Member for V, B. Dodds; Member for IV, G. Hammonds; Member for III, H. Liddle; Member for I and II, B. Nightingale; General, F. Orwin.

Instead of the knitting parties of last year we are holding meetings to make necessities for hospitals. Some knit as they did last year. During these meetings the workers are entertained by other girls, who sing and play. We are continuing to send our fortnightly parcel to the prisoners in Germany, but after December 1st, we shall have to send our money to the Regimental Care Committee and they will send the parcel in the name of the Blue House.

We would like to thank the girls for the very generous subscriptions they have given towards the parcels.

We have had only a few hockey practices this term and no House matches, but we are still in hopes of what the future will bring us.

M.O.

RED HOUSE.

We beg to extend a most hearty welcome to Miss Jarvis, our new mistress, for last term Miss Dingle, who formerly held that office, left us to take up the work of an analytical chemist. We have since been grieved to hear that her brother has given his life for his country, and now take this opportunity to express our sincerest sympathies with her during this trying time.

Many of the old members left last term, so we were obliged to call a meeting to elect a new committee, the results being as follows:—

C. Idle re-elected captain; G. Dudley elected secretary; Committee—VI, G. Thomas; Va, M. Cheseldine; Vb, G. Dudley; IVa, M. Roxby; IVb, L. Pinkney; IIIa, M. Maxwell; IIIb, D. Atkinson.

The "knitters" have been superseded by sewing meetings, the object of which is to provide various articles needed in the hospitals.

Miss Jarvis wishes to thank the members for having subscribed so generously to the parcels, for this term we have been able to send a real good parcel every fortnight to our prisoner. After December 1st the regulations under which we send our parcels will be altered, the whole being run by a Special Care Committee, who will forward the parcel in our name.

The hockey season was hailed with joy, and, taking advantage of the "daylight saving" scheme, we were able to arrange a few practices after school at the beginning of term. This is some time ago; nevertheless we hope to arrange more before the matches are to take place.

G.D.

BROWN HOUSE.

The members of the above House extend a hearty welcome to all the new members.

At the first meeting of the term the following officials were elected:—

Captain, D. Hird; Secretary, F. Graham. Committee, Form VI, C. Barker; Form Va, Olive Heald; Form Vb, Ivy Pattison; Form IVa, Ivy Archer; Form IVb, C. Garbutt; Form IIIa, J. Salmon; Form IIIb, D. Robson.

Instead of the knitters we had last year we are having sewing meetings to make different articles for the hospitals. These will be sent to the War Supply

Depôt at Eaglescliffe. Our first sewing meeting was held on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, when we combined with the Blue House.

This term again we have sent fortnightly parcels to our 'Prisoner of War' but after this month we are sending our subscriptions to the Durham Light Infantry Care Committee who will despatch the parcels for us.

No house matches have yet been played but we have had a few practices which the girls enjoyed very much.

F.G.

GREEN HOUSE.

We were very sorry to lose so many of our older girls last term, especially those who took such an active interest in the House. We extend to all the new girls a very hearty welcome, and hope that they will be quite happy amongst the members of the House.

At the beginning of term a meeting was held, when Gwen Cardno was elected captain, Doris Pickles was elected secretary, and the committee is as follows:—

Sixth Form:—Ruth Shipley, Jennie Nixen. Fifth Form:—Annie Clarke, Cissie Hicks. Fourth Form:—Dorothy Brewis, Mabel Roberts. Third Form:—Dorothy Lynas, Ivy Liddle.

Some hockey practices have already been held, and it is hoped that, when more are arranged in the future, all the girls will be very keen on helping the House to retain the Hockey Medal for a third year.

There have only been two knitters so far this term, at which the Red and Green Houses have combined. It is hoped that all the girls will come to these knitters as often as possible.

The prisoners' parcels have been sent regularly. Miss Thomson wishes to thank all the girls who have so generously contributed money or goods, and hopes that they will continue to do so, because we know by letters and post cards received from our prisoner of War, how very much he appreciates the parcels.

G.C.

ATHLETICS.

HOCKEY REPORT (GIRLS).

This term the Hockey season commenced with great enthusiasm. Hockey is, indeed, the most favoured of all school games, and we are glad to see that keenness in this sport never wanes.

Owing to the loss of many of last season's team, and the need to train new players to replace them, it was impossible to commence outside matches early in the session. Hence no such matches were arranged for till November, and, unfortunately, owing to unfavourable circumstances, the first two had to be scratched. The record, therefore, is nil.

A number of House matches and general practices have taken place. The attendance has been good, and it is encouraging to find that many of the new girls are taking a keen interest in the game.

At a general hockey meeting held at the beginning of term, Marjory Ordish was unanimously elected captain, and Gwen Cardno vice-captain. It is now three years since Marjory first began to play in the school team, and she thoroughly deserves the honourable position of captain.

It will interest some of the older members to know that Connie Prest, a former school captain, is now hockey captain, and senior representative for net ball, at the Anstey Physical Training College. In spite of this honour, she writes in

a recent letter, "I often wish I were back playing in the school team. Somehow the College team hasn't felt the same to me as the school team did." It is most gratifying to know that Old Girls have such happy memories of their school games.

We are forming a 2nd XI., and the first match is to be played on Saturday, November 25th, against Yarm Grammar School. We expect a large number of spectators to give the school hearty support and encouragement.

Next term House matches will be resumed, and it is hoped there will be keen contests for the School Medal.

We are not having fixture cards printed this year, so all girls might note the fixtures which are given below.

HOCKEY FIXTURES, 1916-17.

| | | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|---------|
| Nov. | 25—Yarm Grammar School | ... | 2nd XI | Home |
| Dec. | 2—The Towers, Saltburn | ... | 1st XI | Away |
| " | 9—West Hartlepool | ... | 1st XI | Home |
| " | 13—Henry Smith, Hartlepool | ... | 1st XI | Away |
| " | 16—Old Girls | ... | 1st XI | Home |
| 1917 | | | | |
| Jan. | 27—Brown v. Green } Red v. Blue } | ... | | Morning |
| Feb. | 3—Red v. Green } Blue v. Brown } | ... | | Morning |
| " | 10—Great Ayton | ... | 2nd XI | Away |
| " | 17—Middlesbro' High School | ... | 1st XI | Away |
| " | 24—Henry Smith, Hartlepool | ... | 1st XI | Home |
| March | 3—Great Ayton | ... | 1st XI | Away |
| " | 10—Blue v. Green } Brown v. Red } | ... | | Morning |
| " | 17—West Hartlepool | ... | 1st XI | Away |
| " | 24—Yarm Grammar School | ... | 2nd XI | Away |
| " | 31—Great Ayton | ... | 2nd XI | Home |

FOOTBALL.

Appended is a result of matches played:—

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| Middlesborough H.S. | ... | A. | ... | lost | 1—9 |
| Middlesborough H.S. | ... | H. | ... | lost | 0—1 |
| Hartlepool Henry Smith | ... | H. | ... | lost | 3—6 |
| Guisborough G.S. | ... | A. | ... | won | 2—1 |
| Darlington G.S. | ... | A. | ... | lost | 1—10 |
| Stockton G.S. | ... | H. | ... | won | 11—1 |
| Hugh Bell | ... | A. | ... | won | 3—1 |
| Yarm G.S. | ... | A. | ... | won | 20—1 |

The team as a whole lacks weight, is deficient in combination and the finer arts of the game, while the indefinable—but all important—school spirit is in some cases unfortunately wanting. Comment on the different players is reserved for a future number. It is sufficient to say now that the half-backs are particularly weak (with the possible exception of Walker) and lack knowledge of the game; that the full backs, although not wanting good points, are somewhat crude and immature; and that of the forwards Bulmer is by far the prettiest, and W. Noddings (in a style reminiscent of MacLennan, but with more than the latter's loquacity) is by far the most incisive player in the school. We must say, however, that the team as a whole has displayed very gentlemanly tactics and has made a host of football friends. The usual XI has been —

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| | | Dudley. | | |
| | McKechnie. | Lewis or Callender. | | |
| | Connors. | { Callender, Lewis, T. Noddings. } | Walker. | |
| A. Plummer, or Woodhead. | Goodchild, | W. Noddings, | T. Noddings, (captain) | Bulmer. |

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The swimming sports had to be held this year under rather unusual conditions. Owing to the stringent lighting restrictions, the baths were not allowed to be lit up, so our sports were held at half past ten in the morning. This naturally caused us to have fewer parents present than we have previously had, but, after all, our sports are held for the benefit of the swimming, and in that direction certainly there was no falling-off. First and foremost, we must celebrate E. Simpson's splendid performance in the three lengths championship. We had thought Short's previous record of 69 secs. set up in 1912 was no bad performance and might stand for several years to come. When we were informed that Simpson's time was 61½ secs. we must confess to a gasp of surprise. It is especially fortunate that there is absolutely no doubt about this time, for it was taken most carefully by both timekeeper and starter whose results did not vary by half a second. We are afraid the senior length was rather a gift for H. Walker, who had been somewhat of a dark horse. However we know him now! The blindfold race caused some amusement. The winner of the turnip enjoyed his dinner next day, and the pussy cat was afterwards seen at school! The only real prize, a decent little pocket-knife done up in paper was left hanging on the tape when the race was over, the competitors taking no further interest in the objects, when they found the three first had gone. Teasdale had very hard luck his handkerchief slipping off when he was well ahead and close to the tape. The House squadrons provided an excellent race, and the Red House will find in their success some consolation for failure to carry off the most House points as they have so often done. Simpson was school champion with 10½ points, and has the pleasure of having set up a new and excellent record in the three lengths. His success was very popular and well deserved as he has been very keen and has been a considerable help in the season's work.

After the Head had distributed the medals, the grade certificates gained during the season were given out. It is hoped that more and more boys will give their attention to these certificates. Being divided into four grades they give the learner a ready means of measuring his progress. Each grade forms a good starting point for the next higher, and the possession of a fourth grade certificate is evidence of a really high attainment in swimming and is well worth striving for.

The best thanks of the Swimming Club are again due to Alderman Cameron, who has always shown such interest in our efforts, and who presented the School Championship Medal. We were all sorry that he was not able to be with us to present the medals and certificates. We also thank the Head for his kindness in giving us the medal for the three lengths championship. Nor must we forget to express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Storey who always make us welcome at the baths and are ever ready to give us advice and help when most needed.

The Club must not omit to send their kindest thoughts and sincerest wishes this Christmas to Gunner W. Baker, who has for several years given of his best to the Swimming Club, and to the cause of swimming throughout the school.

TABLE OF RESULTS.

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| 1 Length Senior Handicap—1, Walker (G); 2, Wedgwood (Br); 3, J. Bowey (Br) 18 secs. |
| 1 Length Junior Handicap—1, Lugg (R); 2, R. Williams (R); 3, W. Bowey (Br) 23 secs. |
| 1 Breadth Learners' Race—1, Alb. Stephenson (R); 2, Nasby (G); 3, Holdsworth (Br) |
| 3 Lengths Championship—1, Simpson (Br); 2, Plummer (Bl); 3, Cunliffe (Bl) 61½ secs. A school record |
| Plunge—1, Plummer (Bl); 2, Wedgwood (Br); 3, Cunliffe (Bl) |
| Neat Dive—1, Simpson (Br), Plummer (Bl) (Equal); 3, Ruddock (R) |
| 1 Length Back Stroke—1, Lewis (G); 2, Walton (Br); 3, Cunliffe (Bl) |
| House Squadron Race—1, Red; 2, Brown; 3, Green |
| Blindfold Race—1, C. Dodds (Bl); 2, Alb. Stephenson (R); 3, Simpson (Br) |
| Swimming under water—1, Tompkinson (R); 2, Simpson (Br); 3, Wedgwood (Br) |

HOUSE POINTS.

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|-----------------|-----|-----------------|----|
| Brown House ... | 20½ | Red House ... | 17 |
| Blue House ... | 13½ | Green House ... | 9 |

School Champion ... E. Simpson 10½ points

DEPUTY.